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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Chairman Birch Bayh (D., Ind.),
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence - 11 October 1978

1. At our request, the DCI met with Chairman Bayh and Bill Miller, Staff Director of the Committee, to discuss several matters before the 95th Congress adjourned.
2. The DCI thanked Chairman Bayh for his help in the Intelligence Appropriations conference. The Chairman asked how soon the Executive Branch would be in a position to know how it wished to spend the \$25 million appropriated for SALT enhancing verification capabilities. The DCI replied that he hoped the Administration would address this question in the context of the FY 80 Intelligence Community budget decisions. He should thus have an answer by early December. Chairman Bayh noted the Congressional hurdles we would then have to transverse for approval. He did not believe the Senate would be a problem but he recognized that Representative Bill Burlison (D., Mo.) might be on the House side. Chairman Bayh indicated he might discuss the matter with Chairman Edward Boland (D., Mass.) to see if he could help us get an approval over there. There is some question as to whether any members with approval authority will be around when the decision is made as to how to spend the money.
3. The DCI thanked Chairman Bayh generally for the cooperative basis on which the SSCI had supported us this year and wondered whether we should be providing additional support to the Committee's oversight effort. The DCI expressed his desire to get together with Chairman Bayh sometime before the start of the new session in January to discuss generally and informally the oversight role of the SSCI and how we could make it better. The Chairman indicated he would be in Washington or Indiana most of this time and would be happy to meet with the DCI.

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4. With respect to the issue of progress on charters raised by the DCI, Chairman Bayh commented that there did not appear to be great enthusiasm on the part of the White House for the document. The DCI took this to be a reflection of the White House position on Subsection 152(a) of Title I as expressed in Vice President Mondale's conversations with Chairman Bayh.

5. The DCI expressed his concern about the Blue Ribbon Panel to be formed by the SSCI to advise them on the NRP. He wondered whether this was an indication that the Intelligence Community was not providing enough analytical support to the Committee. Chairman Bayh replied in the negative stating that he viewed this expert Panel as a distinct help to the Committee and he hoped a help to the Intelligence Community. He stated that the Committee had had very little time to focus on the technical side of the budget and the Panel's inquiries and report would be helpful in remedying that deficiency. In response to one of the DCI's strongest fears, Chairman Bayh and Mr. Miller stated that the advisory Panel's terms of reference would be cast in broad terms so that their recommendations should not constitute micro-management or kibitzing on programmatic decisions which would detract from the management role of the DCI. With that assurance from Messrs. Bayh and Miller, the meeting ended.



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